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In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/778,880 Group Art Unit: 1711

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Title: EXPANDABLE AND CURABLE FLEXIBLE PREFORM CONTAINING UNSATURATED RESINS, FOR CASING A WELL OR A LINE

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Sir:

In response to the office action dated March 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

• they must not be aggressive chemically, particularly after inflation of the internal and external elastic skins constituting the protection for the preform;

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Formulation 1: Commercially available vinyl ester resin (in accordance with the invention). 100 g of EBECRYL® 616 resin from UCB (epoxydimethacrylate oligomer diluted with 25%

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